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Sumpter trustees OK lawsuit against treasurer

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved the preparation of legal action against current Treasurer Kenneth Bednark at a special meeting last week.

The lawsuit requires Bednark, or the township deputy treasurer, to immediately process and deposit payments made to the township for water and sewer services or for tax bills. The payments have been accumulating for several weeks without action trustees explained during the meeting and residents have called asking why their checks have not yet been cashed. Bednark and his deputy have refused to open the mail, any envelopes dropped in the box in front of township hall or any payments hand delivered to township hall for months, according to members of the board.

> *"Nobody is authorized but the treasurer or someone directly supervised by the treasurer to process these payments.*

Reportedly, Bednark has not been at his township hall office for several weeks, even prior to the Coronavirus outbreak, and has not attended multiple board meetings, before and since the pandemic, while still collecting his salary. In previous emails to the members of the board he has stated that the issue is lack of personnel and that the "treasurer's office is not the water department's mailroom."

During the special meeting June 10 called specifically to discuss the situation, township attorney Robert Young advised the board members that the dispute about the processing of the payments had not substantially improved since he was first consulted about the conflict in July of 2019. Young reminded the board members that he previously provided his own legal opinion regarding the statutory duties of the treasurer and had consulted with the Michigan Townships Association attorney who agreed with his research that the treasurer has a statutory duty to accept and process the payments.

Bednark and his deputy insisted that the mail should go to the clerk's office or the office of the finance director to be opened and or processed, Young said this was a violation of state statutes and contrary to acceptable financial practices. He said the township auditor would not find this practice acceptable and it could impact the validity of the upcoming township audit.

Young told the board that it is not acceptable for the finance director or the clerk preparing the invoices to then process the payments. He said such a pro-

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Welcome back

Restaurants, shops begin to revive in area

Restaurant patrons were eager to enjoy the first days of the relaxed quarantine orders at newly-established expanded outdoor seating last week in downtown Northville and Plymouth.

In Northville, members of the city council unanimously approved the "Reopening Downtown Special Event" at a special online meeting June 5 to help jump-start sales for restaurants and retailers. The businesses had been operating at reduced capacity or closed since mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The DDA submitted a special event application that creates a pedestrian mall with expanded outdoor seating for restaurants and merchandise displays by retailers on North Center Street from Main to Dunlap and East Main between Hutton and Center. The special event application requires those streets be closed to traffic from sometime in June Oct. 31.

In Plymouth, the Downtown Development Authority also organized expanded seating areas into streets to allow for the reduced capacity of restaurants now practicing the social distancing restrictions with seating reduced by 50 percent at many locations. On Forest Street, E.G. Nick's expanded into parking spots in the front of the restaurant behind portable barricades while several establishments on Main Street, including Compari's and Fiamma, also opened using portions of the street as patio areas. Greek Islands Eatery is using an expanded area of the Main Street sidewalk to accommodate the necessary safety precautions.

Plymouth City Commission members approved the expanded seating for reopening the restaurants in May, in anticipation of the lifting of the governor's stay at home orders. In Canton Township, restaurants reopened, too, with limited capacity for indoor dining, exercising all prescribed safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Northville DDA Director Lori Ward said House Bill 5781, if approved, would allow municipalities the ability to designate a "social district" that contains a commons area that may be used by the businesses in the social district to serve alcohol for consumption on site. The bill was amended and sent to the Ways and Means committee, she explained, and the 13 LCC licensees in downtown Northville, many of them locat-

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Canton residents urge venue reopenings

Canton Township officials heard from supporters of baseball, softball, LaCrosse and soccer along with the director of aspiring young thespians during a special meeting last week.

Several members of the community made their displeasure regarding the continued closure of the Canton Sports Center and the Village Theater known to members of the township board during the meeting.

Dan Krafft spoke to the members of the board during the first in-person meeting of the board in several months due to COVID-19 required safety precautions. The meeting took place at the Village Theater and board trustees were socially-distant on the stage.

Krafft and several other township residents urged the board members to reopen the softball and baseball fields in the township before the planned Aug. 1 date.

Krafft asked the trustees to prepare a plan for the reopening one of the largest ball field complexes in the state. He said that the continued closure of the facility was affecting local businesses and that it was possible to adhere to social distancing while using the fields.

He suggested a phased opening of the fields first to league play and then for children. He told the board members that the Canton baseball teams have been going to Ohio and Indiana for tournaments, rather than playing in the township. He added that to date, none of those

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Sidewalk repair plan is delayed

There was no lack of participation in recent discussion of the sidewalk repair plan in Plymouth Township.

Dozens of township residents participated in a recent four-hour public hearing with the members of the board of trustees to express their opposition to the sidewalk plan that requires residents to pay for repairs to sidewalks determined to be hazardous.

In addition to those participating in the meeting, more than 100 residents also left voice mail messages at township hall protesting the plan and voicing their concerns about the costs of the program to homeowners. Members of the board subsequently opted to postpone the repair program for this year.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said that the overwhelming response prompted the board members to postpone the program, which allowed residents five-years to pay for the repairs. The program, which began prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, based the repairs on examinations of subdivision sidewalks by township engineers who made determinations as to the safety of the walkways. Residents were then notified by mail of any repairs of sidewalks on their property and the estimated cost of the repairs which were to be completed by a contractor hired by the township.

That process will now be delayed, officials said.

This is a standard municipal practice and is in place in cities and townships throughout the state. The sidewalk repairs are considered essential due to the potential for lawsuits should pedestrians suffer injuries due to the unsafe conditions of sidewalks in the township.

The last such program in Plymouth Township took place in 2016. The program set for 2019 did not take place due to the high cost submitted by contractors bidding on the work, officials said. The program will resume next year, according to township sources.

Canton

Canton equality marches continue to be peaceful

Several hundred marchers of all ages and ethnicity have joined in the ongoing marches throughout Canton Township in protest of racial injustice.

The marches to date have been peaceful and there have been no instances requiring police intervention, according to officials. In one recent march through Sunflower Subdivision, police officers joined the marchers to demonstrate their support for the cause of racial harmony.

Another march last week drew one of the largest crowds of participants so far and began at Heritage Park and continued down Heritage Way turning south onto Canton Center Road. Marchers chanted slogans including, "Hands up, don't shoot," and brandished signs bearing various slogans and reminders of those who had been victims of social injustice. This march, too, was in conjunction with the Canton Township Public Safety Department and officers were in attendance to provide security and support. When the marchers reached the police department headquarters, they silently knelt on one knee for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, in tribute to George Floyd who was killed in Minneapolis when a police officer forcibly knelt on his neck and throat as he struggled to breathe for that amount of time.

Canton officers knelt with the marchers.

Most of the marchers were wearing masks in accordance with the safety precautions necessary to prevent the COVID-19 virus from infecting others.

Peaceful equality marches continue in Canton Township. Photo by Brea Crawford

Meeting

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traveling to play baseball have been affected with COVID-19.

His remarks were echoed by Marc Smith, president of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association. He, too, urged the trustees to reopen the sports center. He urged the trustees to return to some level of normalcy for the young players and assured them that there were already safety guidelines prepared and volunteers ready to enforce them.

Also urging the reopening was Ed Anderson who directs the C1X Lacrosse who told the board his camps and clinics have been forced to move to Plymouth after 10 years in Canton.

Jim Harkins of the Canton Soccer Club also urged the reopening of the sports venues.

Not only youth sports was addressed at the meeting. Currently, there is no date set for the reopening of the Village Theater, a situation addressed by Barbara Bloom, managing director of Canton's Spotlight on Youth performing arts organization. She said that if the theater isn't opened soon, the young participants would lose an entire year of performance experiences.

She, too, said social-distancing and safety measures were in place and could be exercised for both the young thespians and the audiences which could be limited to ensure safety.

Bloom's request was opposed by Village Theater House Manager Carla Lenhoff who said she did not feel the reopening of the theater is timely or appropriate. She said that she wanted the theater reopened "more than anyone in this room" but that she did not feel it was safe in light of the use of dressing rooms, concessions areas and restrooms which would allow for only two occupants at a time.

Members of the board agreed to schedule a study session to devise safety procedures in an effort to reopen the theater and the sports center. No date for the meeting was announced.

COVID-19 testing available

Walmart has opened a new COVID-19 testing location in Canton Township.

Testing will be offered from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Any adult who meets CDC and state/local guidelines on who should be tested is eligible, including first responders, health care providers and others with symptoms of COVID-19.

Test results are expected within an average of two days.

"Continuing to provide testing opportunities for all in Wayne County is a top priority" said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans. "I am thankful for the partnership with Walmart and their commitment in continuing our efforts to combat this virus and help in saving lives."

Testing will require an appointment through Quest's MyQuest online portal and app.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

The Northville Township's Annual Water Quality Report is now available at: https://www.northvillemich.com/waterqualityreport. You may also request a copy by phone at (248) 348-5800 or in person at Township Hall.

Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020 in observance of Independence Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE

Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 19/20-34 ZERO TURN COMMERCIAL LAWNMOWERS

The City of Romulus is seeking bids from vendors for the acquisition of three (budget permitting), ExMark Z-E Series 24.5 HP Kaw FX751 w/72" UltraCut Zero Turn Lawnmowers or department approved equivalents.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, **7/14/2020**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.

(4) The public opening of all timely received bids will be provided virtually via "Zoom" at approximately 3:00 p.m., local time **7/14/2020**. Log in information for the "Zoom" meeting can be obtained by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com or utilizing the information provided in the bid documents.

(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(7) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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Advertisement to Bid

Romulus Community Schools will be receiving sealed bids for "Asbestos Abatement for Summer 2020 Flooring Renovations at Romulus Middle School, Barth Elementary School, Halecreek Elementary School and Wick Elementary School". These projects will be completed in July and August 2020, prior to planned building flooring renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos floor tile, asbestos floor tile mastic, non-asbestos floor tile and non-asbestos floor tile mastic materials. Bids will be **RECEIVED** until 10:00 am local time Thursday, June 25, 2020. Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to: Sealed Bid: Asbestos; Asbestos Abatement - Asbestos Abatement for Summer 2020 Flooring Renovations at Romulus Middle School, Barth Elementary School, Halecreek Elementary School and Wick Elementary School; Attn: Mr. Bill Garland, Manager of Maintenance and Custodial Operations, Romulus Community Schools, Board of Education; 36540 Grant Street, Romulus, MI 48174. The **OPENING** of the bids will take place at that time. Bid documents will be available from Arch Environmental Group, 37720 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, (248) 426-0165, www.archenvgroup.com, starting Friday, June 12, 2020, at 3:30 P.M. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 129.313, certifying that the bidder is not an Iran linked business. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include sworn and notarized copies of the familial relationship disclosure statement and affidavit of compliance with the Iran Sanction Act. Romulus Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids either in whole or in part or to waive any informalities or irregularities that may be in the best interest of the School District.

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 19/20-32 12 Month Contractual Services Contract for Sanitation and Disenfecting Services

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking proposals from qualified vendors for the purpose of entering into a twelve month contractual services contract for as needed disinfecting services specifically for the City of Romulus Police Department. Company shall provide EPA registered and approved sanitizing against a broad-spectrum of bacteria, viruses, and mycotoxins including but not limited to COVID-19. The City reserves the right to expand the scope of services to include the "As Needed" sanitation of other City facilities and City owned vehicles.

Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a proposal ***must use the forms provided by the City***. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system at http://www.mitn.info/. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Proposals may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.

(1) Work to be performed at the Romulus Police Department will be federally funded utilizing DOJ Grant monies. The City will make every effort to utilize a small, minority-owned and/or women-owned business. Such businesses are encouraged to submit a bid and include verification of this status along with their bid.

(2) Utilization of federal funding, requires that the City cannot award the contract to any company listed on the System for Award Management (SAM) Exclusion list or has been suspended or debarred or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment & Suspension.

(3) Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later 12:00 PM Local Time, Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

(4) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the RFP documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.

(5) Proposals should be addressed using the proposal label provided in the RFP documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. When submitting hardcopies, a total of four (4) copies (One original and four marked "Copy") of the proposal must be submitted together in one sealed envelope or package and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, 7/14/2020. The original proposal may be clipped but should not be stapled or bound. Copies may be stapled or bound. The original and copies should be identical, excluding the obvious difference in labeling.

(6) The public opening of all timely received bids will be provided virtually via "Zoom" at approximately 3:00 p.m., local time July 14, 2020. Log in information for the "Zoom" meeting can be obtained by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com or utilizing the information provided in the bid documents.

(7) The successful Contractor will be required to enter into a contract with, and provide all bonds and submit proof of all insurance required by the request for proposal documents and originals of all required endorsements acceptable to the City.

(8) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in proposals received. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(9) The City reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any proposals that do not contain the information requested in this RFP

(10) The City reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any proposals which are not organized and formatted as described in this RFP.

(11) The City, during the course of the evaluation process, may request additional written information to supplement and clarify the information provided in this response.

(12) The City, at the discretion of the proposal evaluation team, may conduct interviews with some or all of the companies that submitted proposals for consideration.

(13) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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SUMPTER

Big deal

New fire truck is delivered to Sumpter Township

Sometimes, you just get lucky.

That was the reaction of Sumpter Township Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk when he received a phone call this spring, just before business closures due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Januszyk was shopping for a new fire truck for the township, which had budgeted for the expense, but when the pandemic closed down manufacturing plants, including those building fire engines across the country, he expected the township might continue to wait for the purchase.

"I got a phone call from the manufacturer's representative who told me that he had the last chassis to roll off the line available," Januszyk said. "I said yes and I ran down there real quick."

The purchase had already been approved and budgeted by members of the township board of trustees, who were well aware that the current 20-year-old fire truck needed retrofitting and updating if it could be re-certified. That, Januszyk said, can be an expensive proposition.

Januszyk has been a firefighter for 43 years and became chief in Sumpter Township in September of 2012. He said he has seen a great deal in those four decades, including a few new and not-so-new fire trucks.

The 1,000-gallon pumper truck, a Class A engine, which cost the township an estimated $297,000 was delivered last week and was then sent out for lettering and graphics. It is now operational and can be used by the 21 paid on-call fire fighters, Januszyk said. The new truck will also have an impact on local property insurance rates, he noted, more up to date fire equipment in a community usually results in lower rates for property owners.

Sumpter Township Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk welcomed the delivery of the new 1,000 gallon, Class A engine fire truck last week.
Photo by Doug Willett

The pandemic has not slowed the calls the township department has been receiving, another factor in his desire to ensure the new truck was purchased. Januszyk said that the department is still responding to 60 to 80 calls a month and COVID-19 has made the firefighters even more cautious about sanitizing and cleaning all the equipment, vehicles and gear used when they complete a call.

"We have a lot of precautions in place," Januszyk, said of emergency medical runs. "We are still responding to a lot of calls, but right now, we have two guys in the truck responding until the situation can be evaluated."

Lawsuit

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cedure was a marked deficiency in control and could allow for the "ability to manipulate" records.

"Nobody is authorized but the treasurer or someone directly supervised by the treasurer to process these payments. It is the statutory duty, by law, of the treasurer to process and deposit these payments," Young emphatically stated to the board members.

Bednark and his deputy have refused to open or process any envelopes addressed to the township, instead sending them to the clerk's office or to the clerk in the water and sewer department. The deputy treasurer has refused to open the payment envelopes both verbally and in email, Young said.

Township Clerk Esther Hurst explained that mail addressed to the township is received and sorted by her deputy clerk who then date stamps the envelopes as they are received and distributes them to the appropriate township offices. The deputy treasurer has been returning the unopened envelopes to the clerk's office, where they are date stamped again, she said. Hurst said there was now a "huge stack" of envelopes that have not been opened or processed and that the clerk's office had received numerous inquiries from residents about why their checks had not been cashed. The envelopes, trustees agreed, could contain "a substantial amount of money."

Board members unanimously agreed to two motions, the first instructing Bednark, his deputy clerk or treasurer's office personnel to, within 24 hours, begin performing the statutory duty of opening the envelopes and processing the payments for deposit.

The board members also unanimously approved a second motion authorizing Young to immediately begin to prepare legal documents, affidavits and other evidence and to employ an outside law firm to handle litigation seeking a writ of mandamus from the Third Circuit Court requiring Bednark to comply with the state statutes requiring the opening and processing of the payments by the treasurer's office if he had not done so by Friday, June 12.

According to township officials, Bednark responded to Young by email last Friday stating, "Present open envelopes to the treasurer's office and the payments will be processed. Young countered that the board instruction is clear and that opening the envelopes is part of the treasurer's statutory duties. Young added that the lawsuit would go forward.

Bednark then responded that the deputy treasurer and the clerk in the treasurer's office were instructed to begin processing water billing payments starting Monday.

"While there is a disagreement about who is legally required to open the water department mail, I think it is in the best interest of the township to comply," Bednark responded.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2020
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY – VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilman William Wadsworth
The council meeting was held in accordance to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48, (1) (a), that a meeting of a public body may be held electronically, by telephone or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means.
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: None
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Virginia Williams** for the Approval of Agenda.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. # 20-123** Moved by William **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on 5/11/2020.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously
3. **Petitioner -** None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to Accept the Chairperson's Report
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously
5. **Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. # 20-124** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Renewal of the Cell Tower Lease Agreement located, 6900 Wayne Road.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb
     Nays - Williams
     Motion Carried.
   - B. **Res. # 20-125** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant Award to the City of Romulus in the amount of $47,550.00.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously
   - C. **Res. # 20-126** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe t**o approve Introduction of Budget Amendment 19/20-18 Public Safety Fund to recognize anticipated revenues to be received from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program to the City of Romulus, for the "Romulus Police Department COVID Response Plan" combating the spread of COVID-19.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously
6. **Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment - None**
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business**
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. # 20-127** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Virginia Williams** for Approval of Warrant #:20-10 for checks presented in the amount of $ 1,086,668.38
      Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
      Nays - None
      Motion Carried Unanimously
12. **Communication**
    Councilwoman Talley reminded everyone of the 2020 Census.
    Councilwoman Williams reminded everyone that the Forgotten Harvest food distribution will be on June 2nd at RHS starting at 12noon and on June 3rd at Cory Elementary School starting at 10am. In addition, any Romulus resident in need of masks and/or gloves can call 734-673-8396.
    Councilwoman Webb reminded the community to stay safe, wear their mask, pray, and remember the first responders.
    Councilman Barden reiterated the importance of completing the 2020 Census survey.
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Adjournment.
    Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
    Nays - None
    Motion Carried Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 26, 2020.
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg,
City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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Inkster - Romulus - Van Buren

Van Buren receives grant to fund food banks

Van Buren Township has received a $5,000 grant from Enbridge, as part of the corporation emergency response fund.

Officials said the grant will ensure the supply and distribution of nutritional food to three local food banks; Belleville First United Methodist Church-Emergency Food Closet, Trinity Episcopal Church-Friday Fill-Up! and Van Buren Public School-Owen Community Closet and Food Pantry.

"I'm grateful we received another grant to feed our community. This time, I choose to divide the funds up to help the largest amount of people as soon as possible," said township Trustee Reggie Miller May 27. "It's about partnering with our community organizations to help meet their demands while helping as many people as we can. I want to thank Candice Braddock from Enbridge for offering us this opportunity."

Information about the Belleville First United Methodist Church-Emergency Food Closet is available at (734) 697-9288. The church is located at 417 Charles St., Belleville, and the website is bellevillefirstumc.org. The food closet is open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Questions about the Owen School Community Closet and Food Pantry can be addressed by phoning (734) 697-8711. The school is located at 45201 Owen St. in Belleville and is open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

> *A thriving community provides opportunities to support and enrich the lives of its people.*

Trinity Episcopal Church-Friday Fill-Up, (734) 699-3361 is located at 11575 Belleville Road in Belleville and information is available by accessing www.trinitybell.org. The food bank is open from 6 until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

"I want to thank Trustee Reggie Miller for all her hard work in securing another grant and the board for continuing to take care of our community," commented township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

Board members opted to donate the grant funds to the three local food banks in an effort to reach everyone in need, officials said.

"Through our research, we found Trinity's main clients include senior citizens and families; Owen's focus is on students who are still in school or of school-age and the Food Closet is mostly single families," noted an official statement from the township.

"A thriving community provides opportunities to support and enrich the lives of its people. By collaborating with community leaders like Van Buren Township, we're proud to support this initiative and energy to champion community solutions in our key focus areas of safety, environment, and community," said Mike Moeller, director of Great Lakes Region Enbridge.

Romulus Public Library prepares to open to public

The Romulus Public Library began preparations Monday for reopening to the public.

Library Director Patty Braden said the staff began reporting to the facility this week and preparations would continue this week as personnel began shelving hundreds of items that were returned to the drop box and processing the backlog of new books and other new materials that have arrived since the facility was closed to the public on March 16 in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The building will remain closed to the public but curbside pickup of library items will begin today and will continue from noon until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday.

"Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our staff and patrons, so we are closely following protocols from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and MiOSHA," Braden said.

She added that the public could help the transition by canceling holds on items that are no longer wanted. She reminded library patrons that there is no rush to return material as all items currently have a due date of July 1 and all library cards have been renewed until that date.

She said that the public could begin applications for a library card by phone or email but applicants will need to provide their driver's license number or state identification. It will take a few days to process, she said.

Book clubs will resume remotely next month using Zoom and this year the Summer Reading Program will be offered online. Registration began June 15.

The Friends of the Library are not accepting book donations at this time, she added.

"Our plan is to take it one step at a time using a controlled, phased-in approach to reopening. We will ease restrictions as we are able, following state and local safety guidelines, recommendations from public safety officials, and best practices from our colleagues at other libraries across the state. As the phases for reopening progress, we will keep you updated on the website, social media, and e-news. If you have questions, comments, or feedback, please feel free to contact us," Braden said in a prepared statement.

"We are happy to be coming back in the building and look forward to seeing you in person soon. Stay safe everyone and wash your hands," she concluded.

Upcoming hazardous waste disposal day is scheduled

Inkster officials have urged residents to take advantage of the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection set for Aug. 8 this year.

As the social distancing and precautions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic have kept residents at home, many have been occupied cleaning and sorting. To that end, those hazardous waste products need disposal, prompting Wayne County to set up the area wide collection from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Westland Shopping Center parking lot, behind the JCPenney store.

Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted. Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, 55-gallon drums, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste, roofing shingles and concrete.

Items that will be accepted at the waste collection event in clued paints, stains and dyes, floor wax, floor care product, carpet cleaner, furniture polish bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, non-controlled pharmaceutical products, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, florescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, mercury thermometers, thermostats, elemental mercury and electronic recycling along with computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice and cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

For more information about hoe to dispose of items that will not be accepted, contact the Wayne Country Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

Nominations for senior service award now being accepted

Active seniors in the area are due for some honors from AARP (American Association of Retired People) Michigan.

The group is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Michigan Andrus Award for Community Service, which honors 50-and-older Michiganders who are sharing their experience, talent, and skills to enrich the lives of their community members.

"AARP Michigan is excited to shine a light on volunteers who are using what they've learned in life to make a difference in the lives around them," said AARP Michigan State Director Paula D. Cunningham.

Nomination deadline is Sept. 15 and nomination forms are available at www.aarp.org/AndrusAward.

Nominations will be evaluated by AARP Michigan volunteers based on the ways the nominee's work has improved the community, supported the AARP vision and mission, and inspired other volunteers. The award recipient will be announced in early fall.

> *Nomination deadline is Sept. 15 and nomination forms are available at www.aarp.org/ AndrusAward.*

AARP Michigan Andrus Award for Community Service nominees must be 50 years or older and the achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must have been performed on a volunteer basis, without pay. Couples or partners who perform service together are also eligible; however, teams are not eligible.

Officials said that this is not a posthumous award. For more information or questions about eligibility and award rules, visit aarp.org/mi, email MIAARP@aarp.org, or call AARP Michigan at 1-866-227-7448.

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6. Legal Notices

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust

Richard H. Learmont Trust u/d/t 12/12/2007, as restated ("Trust")

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard H. Learmont, the Trust's Settlor, died 4/16/2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Donna Learmont , named Trustee, within 4 months after the publication date of publication of this notice of this notice.

June 11, 2020
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET

The Romulus Board of Education will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2020-2021 budget on June 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Board of Education Office at 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

A copy of the proposed 2020-2021 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available for public inspection in the Romulus Board of Education Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 29, 2020.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.
Ursula Wester, Secretary
Board of Education

Publish: June 18, 2020

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

3 arrested, charged in fatal shooting of teen

Three teens have been arrested and charged in the shooting of a Novi man riding a bicycle in Westland June 7.

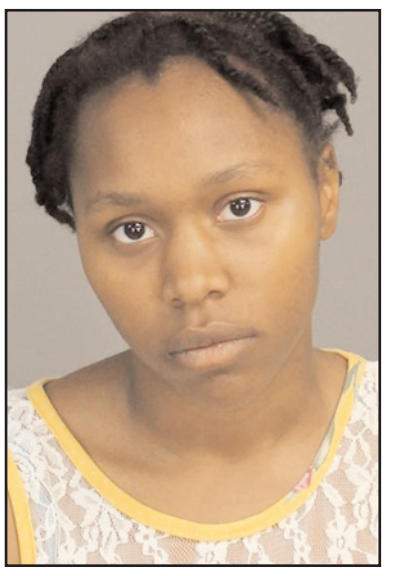
According to Westland police, officers were called to the area of Grand Traverse and Missaukee Court at about 8:55 p.m. Sunday, June 7. When they arrived at the corner, officers discovered 17-year-old Robert Edward Bigham of Novi who had apparently suffered gunshot wounds. Despite officers efforts to revive the teen, he died at the scene, according to police reports.

Following an intensive investigation, Westland police located and arrested 18-year-old Duan Markeith Jones of Westland on Monday, June 8.

Jones was arraigned in 18th District Court in front of Judge Sandra Cicirelli on charges of homicide -murder first degree - premeditated; weapons - discharge from a vehicle causing death; tampering with evidence - criminal case punishable by more than 10 years, and three counts of felony firearm. Jones was remanded to jail without bond and is scheduled to appear back at the 18th District Court for a probable cause conference today, June 18.

Also arrested June 8 in connection with the death of Bigham was Sarah Jean Jones-Moody, 17, of Wayne. Jones-Moody was arraigned in front of Cicirelli on charges including; accessory after the fact to a felony, and felony firearm. Jones-Moody was given a bond of $75,000 or 10 percent and will be required to be fitted with a GPS tether if bonded. Jones-Moody is also scheduled to appear back at the 18th District Court for a probable cause conference today, June 18.

Duan Markeith Jones



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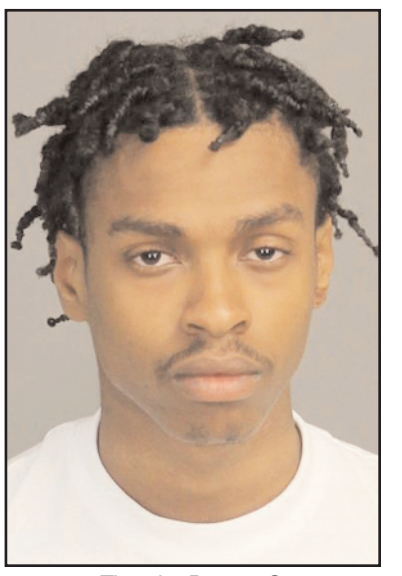

Timothy Dywerr Stevenson

Police also arrested Timothy Dywerr Stevenson, Jr., of Detroit, June 8 in connection to the homicide. Stevenson was arraigned in front Cicirelli on charges including larceny from a person and tampering with evidence. Stevenson was assigned a bond of $20,000 cash and will be required to be fitted with a GPS tether if bonded. Stevenson, too, is scheduled to appear back at the 18th District Court for a probable cause conference today, June 18.

Westland OK's marijuana license application procedure

Those wishing to sell marijuana in Westland have until July 16 to submit a business application to the city.

Members of the Westland City Council approved the marijuana business application during a meeting last month along with the consideration policy and selection criteria.

The policy, which officials said was written in compliance with the Westland Uniform Marijuana Business Ordinance approved by city council members in November, sets the window for applications from June 1 through July 16. Complete applications must be submitted along with a $5,000 fee if they are to be considered. The policy also details the way in which applications will be processed and scored.

Applications will be sorted by license type: Collocated Businesses (three licenses available); Marijuana Micro Businesses (one license available); Safety and Compliance Facilities (further sorted by proposed zoning district, one license available); Secure Transporters (one license available);Retail/Provisioning Centers (further sorted in relation to Ford Road, two licenses available - one north of Ford Road, one south of Ford Road).

> *All licenses are subject to Special Land Use approval and will require final approval by members of the city council.*

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Once sorted, applications will be reviewed and scored by a selection committee comprising three city administrative employees. The selection committee will assign point values based on the scoring rubric included with the policy. Ties within the applicant groups will be ranked based on financial investment and community benefit and investment. Any applicants who remain tied after the prioritization of these criteria will be placed in a blind lottery draw to determine ranking, according to city officials.

Once scoring is complete, the applicants will be notified of their ranking and the list will be provided to the Westland City Council. Each applicant will have the right to appeal their score within 10 days of notice with the Marijuana Business Review Board. After hearing all appeals, the board will issue a written recommendation that either upholds or modifies the list which will be placed on the agenda for members of the city council to review.

"I appreciate the hard work everyone has put into this over the past 10 months," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Both my administrative team and the city council acknowledged the importance of maximizing the economic benefit of this decision and our final policy product reflects that commitment."

All of the information about the Westland marijuana ordinance and policy can be found at www.cityofwestland.com.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 2020
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY – VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilman William Wadsworth
The council meeting was held in accordance to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48, (1) (a), that a meeting of a public body may be held electronically, by telephone or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means.
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: None
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. **Agenda**
   - **A.** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of the Agenda
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously
2. **Minutes**

A. Res #20-128 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. **Petitioner – None**
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Several Council members and the Mayor commented on the current events taking place in the country regarding the protesting as a result of the unjust incident which occurred in Minneapolis, Minnesota, regarding a police officer and the death of George Floyd.
   - **A.** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to Accept the Chairperson's Report.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously
5. **Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
   - **A.** **Res. # 20-129** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Master Agreement for Municipal Street Lighting with DTE to remove 18 existing light poles located on the west side of Hunt Street in the park area and to replace and install 15 new 39w LED acorn style luminaries, as well as 10 new 39w LED acorn style luminaries on the east side of Hunt Street in the amount $ 98,778.00.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously
   - **B.** **Res. # 20-130** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Municipal Library Board Reappointment of Debra Hoffman for a 3-year term to expire April 11, 2023.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously
6. **Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - **A.** **Res. # 20-131** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Second Reading and Final adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-18, Public Safety Fund in the amount of $47,550.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously
7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment**
   One resident requested to speak and asked a question regarding the drop box for AV ballots and applications.
9. **Unfinished Business**
   Councilman Wadsworth asked the Mayor a question regarding the Veteran's Memorial – When will it go up? Will it be as large and nice as the previous one? The Mayor responded that there is a committee and he will report back with an update. Councilwoman Williams asked the Mayor to have Mr. McCraight give her a call.
10. **New Business**
11. **Communication**
    Councilwoman Talley commented on the George Floyd incident and encouraged everyone to pray.
    Councilwoman Williams commented on the George Floyd incident. Williams announced the Forgotten Harvest food distribution on June 2, 2020 at RHS beginning at 12 noon and Gleaners will be at Cory School on June 3, 2020 at 10:00am. Williams further announced that she is working with the pastor from Mt Olive BC in setting up a COVID-19 testing station and is working on a mobile testing station for the 2 senior citizen buildings.
    Mayor Burcroff announced the monthly Community Prayer will be on Thursday, June 4th. Those wishing to participate can contact the Mayor's office for dial-in conference call information.
    Councilman Wadsworth commented on COVID-19 and encouraged testing.
    Councilman Barden commented on COVID-19 and reminded everyone to continue to be cautious so that we don't have a second round of the virus.
    Councilwoman Webb commented on the George Floyd incident and the protesting.
    Adjournment
    - **A.** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Adjournment of the meeting.
      Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
      Nays - None
      Motion Carried Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 1, 2020.
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg,
City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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Northville - Plymouth

Kiwanis Club sponsoring holiday decorating contest

Plymouth residents who display red, white and blue, patriotic bunting, and the American flag to celebrate Independence Day this year could reap a hefty reward for their decorating efforts.

Plymouth Kiwanis Club members are sponsoring an Independence Day House Decorating Contest and are offering a $1,000 downtown Plymouth gift card to the first-place winner. Second place will receive a $500 card and third place honors will include a $250 card. The gift cards are redeemable at more than 150 locations in the city.

Only homes located in Plymouth and Plymouth Township are eligible for the competition.

The event is sponsored by Nancy Caviston of the Caviston Insurance Agency and Patrick O'Neill of Family Legacy Wealth Partners. After completing the entry form available at plymouthkiwanis.com, decorators will be sent an email for submission of a photo of the home. Deadline for submission is June 28 and photos must include the name of the entrant and the address of the home.

The winners will be announced on the website July 1.

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club sponsors the annual 4th of July Parade in the community, hosts the pancake breakfast at the Fall Festival, and manages the popcorn wagon in Kellogg Park. The civic group sponsors multiple charities in the area.

The judges' criteria for the decorating contest will include the overall appearance of the home and the creativity and originality of the decorations.

For more information, rules and an entry blank, access plymouthkiwanis.com.

Condominiums, retail space proposed for Center Street

A developer has proposed a new $3.35 million three-story building along North Center Street in downtown Northville.

The building, as proposed, would be a three-story construction at 156 North Center including a first-floor restaurant and seven condominium units along with a one-story addition to the building which currently houses the Tuscan Café at the corner of Dunlap. Plans for the new building were presented by architect Robert Miller to the members of the Northville Planning Commission earlier this month during an online meeting. Miller was representing the applicant and developer of the project, R. Kurdjian.

Members of the commission expressed some concern with the plans for the condominium units, some listed at only 579 and 600 feet respectively. Those sizes do not meet current size restrictions in the city. Miller said those units could be combined with a larger condominium unit in the plan to then meet the ordinance size provisions.

Commission members were also concerned with the number of parking spaces in the plan and the lack of a main entry door facing North Center Street. The plan now shows the main door facing Dunlap.

According to Miller, Kurdjian will pursue 10.8 parking credits and locate a loading space behind the building. Miller said Kurdjian would work with the Downtown Development Authority on improvements to the entryway driveway and the loading zone.

The structure is in the city historic district and would require demolition of the addition at the rear of the Tuscan Café. It is at the site of the former city Opera House and the plans, according to Miller, contain design elements that reflect the former building.

Members of the commission agreed to schedule a public hearing on the project as the upper story residential units require a Special Land Use permit.

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ed on Main, will need both the state permit for a limited permanent outdoor service area and city permit to serve alcohol in an expanded outdoor area. Northville officials said they will close streets when the majority of restaurants in an area have those permits in place.

The enhanced space allows for social distancing as businesses welcome back customers who had quarantined at home to prevent the rapid spread of COVID-19, officials said. Many Northville and Plymouth businesses suffered financially during the three-month period when executive orders by the governor limited non-essential business operations in an effort to reduce the high rate of disease and death caused by the novel coronavirus.

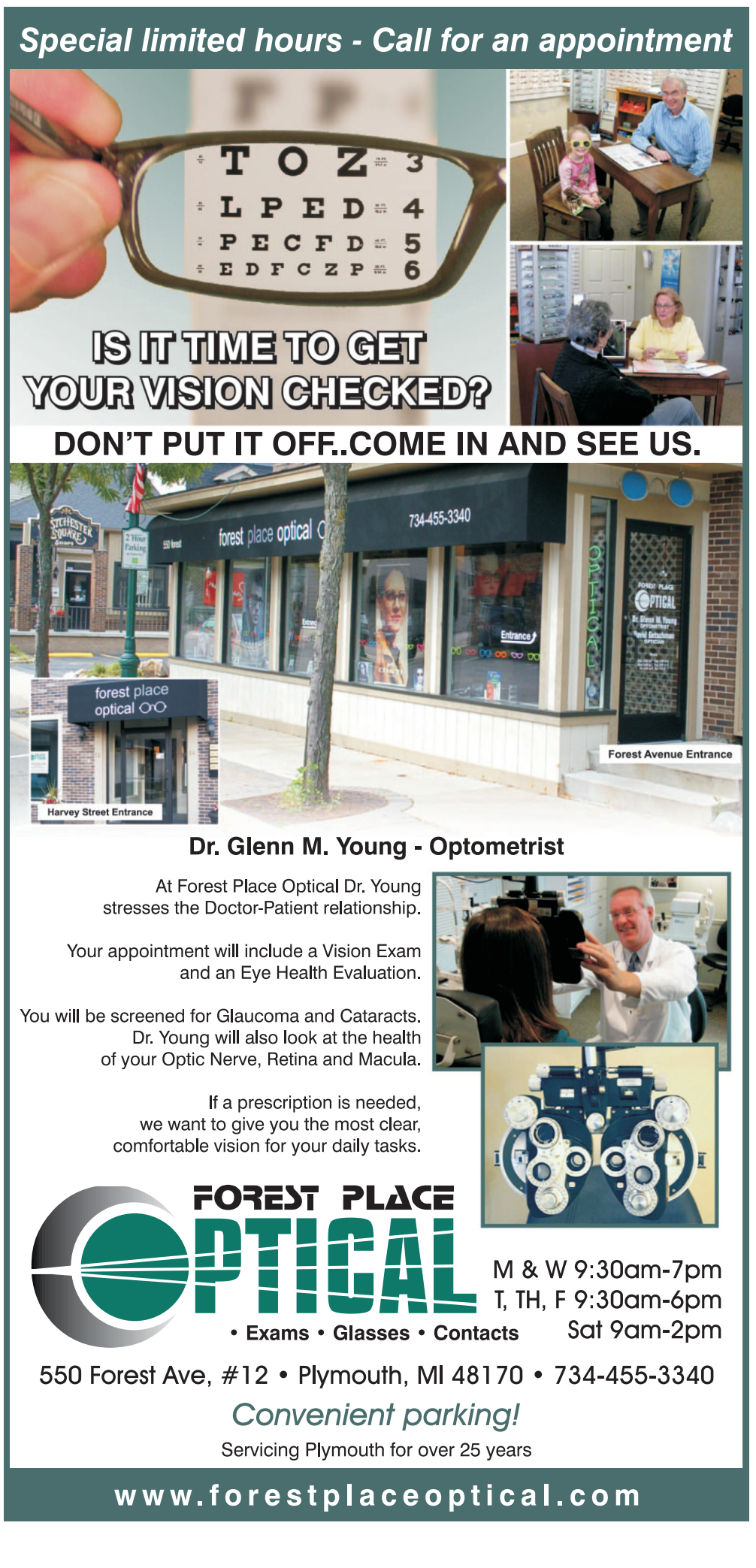
Ward noted that the plan will need to be re-evaluated weekly in part because, "We don't know what's going on with the virus spread."

In Plymouth, several popular mainstays have not yet reopened as owners are taking a more cautious approach to the current safety regulation. Several said they will reopen next month, if they feel the situation is safe for both customers and staff members.

Northville City Manager Pat Sullivan voiced his concern about having increased traffic in neighborhoods with the closure of two main streets downtown. His message was matched by Police Chief Alan Maciag, who said the police have been getting a lot of calls recently about speeding in neighborhoods and he was concerned about increased neighborhood traffic with the closure of Center Street especially. He recommended just closing Main Street for the business reopenings.

In Plymouth, the restaurants have utilized the former parking places in front of their establishments, but no streets have been closed to traffic. In Northville, however, street closures on E. Main from Center to Hutton and on N. Center from Main to Dunlap will be marked with barriers with room to allow egress for emergency vehicles. No street closures are involved in the Canton openings.

In most area communities, numerous local businesses have also reopened, some also utilizing parking spaces in front of their stores. Many have limited hours, limited customer capacity and require the wearing of masks and social distancing. Information about reopenings is available on the respective DDA websites.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